analyze the run-time specification;

configure one or more measurement devices according to the run-time specification; and

generate a run-time, wherein said run-time is executable to perform the measurement task.

3. (original) The memory medium of claim 2, wherein said run-time builder is further operable to:

reserve one or more resources according to the selected run-time specification in response to said analyzing the selected run-time specification.

4. (original) The memory medium of claim 2, wherein said run-time builder is further operable to:

analyze changes made to the run-time specification; and

change configuration of said one or more measurement devices in response to said analyzing, wherein the configuration changes correspond to said changes made to the run-time specification.

5. (original) The memory medium of claim 2, wherein the expert system is further operable to:

analyze incremental changes made to the measurement task specification; and

populate one or more run-time specification change lists with measurement primitive settings;

wherein the run-time builder is further operable to:

modify the run-time based on said one or more run-time specification change lists.

26. (original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the expert system is further operable to validate the measurement task specification.

- 27. (original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the measurement task comprises a plurality of measurement sub-tasks.
- 28. (original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the measurement task comprises a complex measurement operation using a plurality of measurement devices.
- 29. (original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more measurement devices comprises a hardware measurement device.
- 30. (original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more measurement devices comprises a virtual measurement device.
 - 56. (original) A measurement system, comprising:

a measurement task specifier, operable to generate a measurement task specification for a measurement task in response to user input;

an expert system, operable to:

analyze the generated measurement task specification;

validate the generated measurement task specification; and

generate a run-time specification for the measurement task;

a run-time builder, operable to:

analyze the run-time specification;

configure one or more measurement devices according to the run-time specification; and

generate a run-time, wherein said run-time is executable to perform the measurement task.

57. (original) The measurement system of claim 56, wherein the run-time builder is further operable to:

reserve one or more resources according to the run-time specification in response to said analyzing the selected run-time specification.

58. (original) The measurement system of claim 56, wherein said run-time builder is further operable to:

analyze changes made to the run-time specification; and

change configuration of the one or more measurement devices in response to said analyzing, wherein the configuration changes correspond to said changes made to the run-time specification.

59. (original) The memory medium of claim 56, wherein the expert system is further operable to:

analyze incremental changes made to the measurement task specification; and populate one or more run-time specification change lists with measurement primitive settings;

wherein the run-time builder is further operable to:

modify the run-time based on said run-time specification change list.

68. (original) The measurement system of claim 56, further comprising:

the one or more measurement devices which are operable to respectively perform portions of the measurement task.